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Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Honey Comb Mining Associates, Blind Stream 1-4 Project, S/013/004, Duchesne County, Utah

Dear Mr. Bistrski:

The Division has reviewed two documents describing the Honey Comb Mining Associates's Blind Stream Project. These documents are a copy of the Notice of Intention to Operate received by the USFS on 2/6/97 and a fax copy of a Permit Addendum received 5/1/97 by the USFS. Both documents were received by the Division on Sept. 18, 1997 while at the Vernal USFS office. The Blind Stream Claims Project is located in Section 28, T2N, R8W, USM, Duchesne County, Utah. Your agency's designated number for this project is unknown at this time.

The Division has evaluated the above mentioned documents for compliance with the Small Mining Operation section of our Rules. The information provided in these documents does not satisfy the requirements of Rule R647-3 of the 1988 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Minerals Rules, and Title 40-8, et seq., of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975.

It is understood that the Division will notify your office of any permitting concerns we may have, and in turn, your office, acting as 'Lead Agency' will notify the operator accordingly. The additional information needed by the Division for this notice to be considered complete is listed below. In the interest of time, we will forward a copy of this letter to the operator. The operator may provide the deficient information to the Division directly and provide your office with a copy of their response if that is more convenient for all parties.

Deficient SMO-NOI Information

- *A list of the Utah Mining Claim Numbers for the claims involved for this project.*
- *An estimate of the total surface area to be disturbed for this project. The addendum mentions that mining will involve small sections of one half acre, however, it is unclear whether this is the total estimated disturbance of the project. The disturbed area would include but not be limited to areas of mining excavation, ore stockpiles, processing areas, equipment staging areas, loadout areas, and new roads. Existing roads which will be improved by the operator*

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would not be included as disturbed areas, unless the operator is required to reclaim the improved roads back to their original condition.

- *A topographic base map showing the actual location of the proposed mining related disturbances described above. A USGS 7.5 minute map or photocopy of the appropriate map portion is preferred. It is also recommended that any pre-existing disturbances in the immediate project vicinity also be identified on this map. The map included with the submissions to the USFS shows the claim boundaries, but does not show the actual areas to be disturbed.*

Enclosed is a copy of our Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations form for your reference. Please refer to section IV on page three titled Operation and Reclamation Practices. A separate summary copy of this section is also enclosed. By accepting a Notice the Division expects the operator to comply with these Operation and Reclamation Practices. If the operator cannot comply with these practices, then a variance request must be submitted to the Division for approval. This request would describe the particular practice which the operator cannot comply with and an explanation why this practice cannot be complied with. A variance request is not required for practices which refer to features which are nonexistent at this particular project site. When the additional information requested above has been provided the Division can accept the Notice as complete.

Please provide us with a copy of your final completeness/approval letter to the operator. In addition, if you receive additional information or amendments for this operation, please notify us so we can update our files. Please reference our designated file number S/013/004 when forwarding additional information on this project to us. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



Anthony A. Gallegos
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosures: SMO-NOI form, SMO-NOI Summary
cc: Roger L. Bon, UGS
Floyd Anderson, Honey Comb Mining Assoc. w/enclosures
Tracking File
S013004.noi

Assigned DOGM File No.: S / 013/004
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DETERMINATION

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO COMMENCE SMALL MINING OPERATIONS

The informational requirements of this form are based on provisions of the Mined Land Reclamation Act, Title 40-8, Utah Code Annotated 1987, and the General Rules as promulgated under the Utah Minerals Regulatory Program.

"Small Mining Operations" means mining operations which disturb five or less surface acres at any given time.

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION (Rule R647-3-104)

1. Name of Mine: BLIND STREAM CLAIMS 1-4
2. Name of Operator/Applicant: HONEY COMB MINING ASSOCIATES
Company ☒ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Individual ☐
3. Permanent Address: 3358 SOUTH HIGHLAND DRIVE
City: SLC State: UT Zip Code: 84106
Telephone Number: (801) 487-2800
FAX (801) 487-4335
4. Ownership of Land Surface:

Private (Fee) ☐ Public Domain (BLM) ☐ National Forest (USFS) ☒
State Trust Land/School Sections ☐ State Sovereign Lands ☐
Other (please describe): _____

Name Asikey NATIONAL FOREST - DUCHESNE RANGER DISTRICT Address _____
Name _____ Address _____
Name _____ Address _____
Name _____ Address _____

5. Ownership of Minerals:Private (Fee) ☐ Public Domain (BLM) ☐ National Forest (USFS) ☒State Trust Land/School Sections ☐ State Sovereign Lands ☐

Other (please describe): _____

Name SAUE AS 4. Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Utah Mining Claim Number(s): UNKNOWN

Utah State Lease Number(s): _____

Name of Lessee(s): _____

6. Have the above surface and mineral owners been notified in writing?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, why not? _____

Please be advised that if State Trust Lands are involved, notification to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining alone does not satisfy the notification requirements of Mineral Leases upon State Trust Lands. Exploration or mining activity on State Trust Lands requires a minimum of 60 days notice to the Trust Lands Administration **prior** to commencing any activities. Please contact the School Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) at (801) 538-5508 for notification requirements.

7. Does the operator have legal right to enter and conduct mining operations on the land covered by this notice? Yes ☒ No ☐II. PROJECT LOCATION & MAP (Rule R647-3-105)

1. Project Location (legal description):

County(ies): Duchesne

<u>NE</u>	1/4, of	<u>NW</u>	1/4, of	_____	1/4: Section: <u>28</u>	Township: <u>2N</u>	Range: <u>8W</u>	<u>USM</u>
<u>SE</u>	1/4, of	<u>NW</u>	1/4, of	_____	1/4: Section: <u>28</u>	Township: _____	Range: _____	
<u>SW</u>	1/4, of	<u>NE</u>	1/4, of	_____	1/4: Section: <u>28</u>	Township: _____	Range: _____	

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NE SW 2. A topographic base map showing the location of the proposed small mining operation must be submitted with this notice. A USGS 7.5 minute series map is preferred. The areas to be disturbed should be plotted in sufficient detail so that they can be located on the ground. It is recommended that the operator also plot and label any pre-existing disturbances in the immediate vicinity that he is not responsible for.

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III. OPERATION PLAN (Rule R647-3-106)1. Type of mining: Surface ☒ Underground ☐2. Mineral(s) to be mined: ONYX3. Provide a brief description of the proposed mining operation and onsite processing facilities. MINING ROCKY OUTCROPS USING A BACKHOE, FRONT END LOADER AND DUMP TRUCK. MINING WILL INVOLVE SMALL SECTIONS OF 1/2 ACRE FOR REMOVAL OF ~2000 TONS/YR.☐ New Road(s): Length _____ (ft) Width _____ (ft)☒ Improved Road(s): Length UNKNOWN (ft) Width UNKNOWN (ft)UNKNOWN → Total project surface acreage to be disturbed: _____ (acres)Proposed startup date of project (month, year) JUNE 1997Proposed completion date of project, if known (month, year) USFS APPROVED 1 YR ⇒ AUG 1998**IV. OPERATION AND RECLAMATION PRACTICES (Rule R647-3-107, 108 & 109)**

The reclamation and operation obligation is to keep the area clean and safe, minimize hazards to public safety, return the land to a useful condition, and reestablish at least 70 percent of the premining vegetative ground cover. To accomplish this, the operator will need to perform reclamation concurrently, or at the completion (within one (1) year) of mining:

1. Keep the mining operation in a safe, clean, and environmentally stable condition.
2. Permanently seal all shafts and tunnels to prevent unauthorized or accidental entry.
3. Plug drill holes with a five foot cement surface plug. Holes that encounter fluids are to be plugged in the subsurface to prevent aquifer contamination.
4. Construct berms, fences, or barriers, when needed, above highwalls and excavations.
5. Remove, isolate, or neutralize all toxic materials in a manner compatible with federal and state regulations.
6. Remove all waste or debris from stream channels.
7. Dispose of any trash, scrap metal, wood, machinery, and buildings.
8. Conduct mining activities so as to minimize erosion and control sediment.

9. Reclaim all roads that are not part of a permanent transportation system.
10. Stockpile topsoil and suitable overburden prior to mining.
11. Stabilize highwalls by backfilling or rounding to 45 degrees or less, where feasible; reshape the land to near its original contour, and redistribute the topsoil and suitable overburden.
12. Properly prepare seedbed to a depth of six inches by ripping, discing, or harrowing.
13. Reseed disturbed areas with adaptable species. (The Division recommends seeding 20 lbs./acre of native and introduced species of grass, forb, and browse seed, and will provide a specific species list if requested.)
14. Plant the seed with a rangeland or farm drill, or if broadcast seeded, harrow or rake the seed 1/4-1/2 inch into the soil - fall is the preferred time to seed.

V. VARIANCE REQUEST (Rule R647-3-110)

Yes ☐ No ☐

Any planned deviations from Rules R647-3-107, Operation Practices, R647-3-108, Hole Plugging Requirements, or R647-3-109, Reclamation Practices, as summarized above, should be identified below and justification given for the variance request(s).

<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Variance Request Justification</u>
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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

VI. SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT

I hereby commit to conduct mining operations and to reclaim the aforementioned small mine as required by the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act (40-8) and the rules as specified by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining.

Signature of Operator/Applicant: _____

Name (typed or printed): _____

Title/Position (if applicable): _____

Date: _____